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LETTER OF INTERPRETATION

NSC REFERRAL NOT  
REQUIRED

Information or material classified pursuant to Executive Order 10501 or a predecessor order and marked Group 3 under Section 4(a)(3) of that Order is subject to automatic downgrading at 12 year intervals until the lowest classification is reached, but shall not become automatically declassified. Section 5(D) of Executive Order 11652 intends nothing to the contrary.

Appropriate action should be taken to implement this letter of interpretation and to advise the undersigned accordingly.

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Committee